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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 March 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

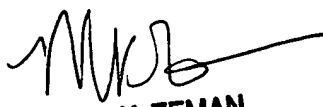
b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
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### DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on 21 March 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been entered. The amendment to the specification and the drawings merely clarifies the numbering of the drawings and does not enter new matter into the drawings or the specification. This amendment does not affect the allowability of the claims. As such, claims 1-4 remain allowable.

### Inquiries

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